



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Ashkenazi et al. Docket No.: 39780-1618P2C40
Serial No.: 09/902,572 Group Art Unit: 1636
Filing Date: July 10, 2001 Examiner: Leffers Jr., Gerald G.
For: **SECRETED AND TRANSMEMBRANE POLYPEPTIDES AND
NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING THE SAME**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS: RCE
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This Preliminary amendment accompanies a Request for Continued Examination under 37 CFR § 1.114 for the above identified application. A Notice of Appeal was filed April 14, 2004 in this case. This RCE filing and Preliminary amendment are being timely filed (since November 14, 2004 was a Sunday) concurrent with a Petition for Extension of Time for five months to maintain co-pendency of this application. Entry of these amendments and arguments are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 3 of this paper.

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